GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Reform in Agriculture Sector
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give a new dimension to the agriculture sector in the country with the objective of making farming competitive and profitable and to make the country self-sufficient in providing food to the growing population and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has sought any suggestions from the State Governments for making widespread reforms in the agriculture sector in the country;

(c) if so, the details of suggestions received and included in the draft for bringing changes in the existing agriculture sector; and

(d) the details of ongoing schemes for the benefit of poor farmers particularly in the rural parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Government is implementing various programmes/schemes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mission for Integration Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), National Agriculture Market (NAM), Soil Health Card, Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), etc. to increase farm productivity for making farming competitive, profitable and to attain self sufficiency in food production in the country to meet the demand of growing population.

(b) & (c): Before finalization of operational guidelines as well as during implementation of crop development programmes, Government discuss with the states and incorporate valuable suggestions of the states in the implementation of programmes. Recently, based on the discussion held, Government has approved Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana which would replace the existing schemes of National Agricultural Insurance Schemes (NAIS) and Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) from Kharif 2016 season.

(d): The ongoing programmes such as NFSM, RKVY, MIDH, PMKSY, SMAM, PKVY, PMFBY, etc. are being implemented in rural areas for benefits of the farmers.

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